



Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Friday, March 10, 2017

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Public Notice - - THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND SOUND ACTIVATED PAGERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS DURING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

A. Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Vaughn to call the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

B. City Secretary Rebecca Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the City Council and the required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

Charter Officers: Assistant City Manager Mark Van Vleck, City Attorney Miles K. Risley, and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta.

Present: 6 - Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Lucy Rubio, Council Member Greg Smith, and Council Member Carolyn Vaughn

Absent: 2 - Council Member Rudy Garza, and Council Member Joe McComb

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 1 - 2)

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn referred to the day's executive sessions. The Council went into executive session at 10:07 a.m. The Council returned from executive session at 2:44 p.m.

- 1. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to Article II of the Charter of the City of Corpus Christi, matters related to eligibility to serve on City Council, term limits, the application of term limits provisions of the City Charter to Mark Scott, the application of candidacy qualification provisions by the City Secretary and presiding officer, and timing issues related thereto, candidacy qualifications pursuant to the Texas Election Code, Texas Election Code 145.003, potential litigation relating to the aforementioned issues, and other legal questions related thereto.**

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

2. **Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074** (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or discipline of the City Secretary.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

D. **REGULAR AGENDA: (ITEM 3)**

3. Discussion and possible motions, resolutions, ordinances or other actions related to the eligibility/ineligibility of former City Council Member Mark Scott for the May 6, 2017 Special Election for Mayor and future City Council elections.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn referred to Item 3 and the following resolution was considered:

City Council Resolution Regarding Eligibility of Mark Scott to Run in Corpus Christi Special Election on May 6, 2017.

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta read the following four findings (Sections 1-4) from the resolution:

Section 1. That the Corpus Christi City Council finds that Mark Scott has served four two-year terms consecutively as a council member.

Section 2. That the Corpus Christi City Council finds that Mark Scott has reached the limitation on terms provided in City Charter Article II Section 1(d) and, therefore, is not eligible for election or appointment to City Council until three consecutive terms of office for the council have expired.

Section 3. That the City Secretary is directed to utilize this Resolution and the facts stated herein to administratively declare Mark Scott ineligible for election or appointment to the City Council until three consecutive terms of office for the council have expired.

Section 4. The City Secretary is authorized to issue an administrative declaration of ineligibility to Mark Scott regarding the May 6, 2017 special election.

City Attorney Miles K. Risley read the rules of decorum.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn called for comments from the public. Susie Luna Saldana thanked the council; discussed resolving this issue; expressed concerns regarding the rules of decorum preventing the public from asking city council members questions; and potential litigation regarding this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn called for comments from council members. There were no comments from council members.

Council Member Rubio made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Rubio, Council Member Smith and Council Member Vaughn

Absent: 2 - Council Member Garza and Council Member McComb

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031086

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.